

(d) was there not a circular by the Government that compensation will be given to these schools for the concessions allowed by them;

(e) if the answer to (d) is in the affirmative, will Government be pleased to state why compensation is not paid?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*):

(a) 102. (Of these, 17 schools have either their Primary or Lower Secondary section aided).

(i) 4,353.

(ii) 340.

(iii) 659.

(b) No, as regards unaided classes.

(c) Yes.

(d) Yes.

(e) The matter is under correspondence.

EXPORT OF RICE

693. Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe (*Kunnamkulam*): Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) is there any truth in the news reported in the "Express" newspaper published on 1st Dhanu 1121 under the heading "കൊച്ചിയിൽനിന്നും പാലക്കാട്" that the Madras correspondent of "Mathrubhoomi" writes that the Government of India has issued orders that 19 thousand tons of rice from Cochin should be given to Mysore;

(b) whether any orders have been received for sending rice to any place outside Cochin;

(c) how many tons of rice are required annually for consumption in Cochin;

(d) how many tons of rice are produced in Cochin annually;

(e) whether the Government has exported rice or paddy from Cochin during the last five years;

(f) if so, how much and in what years?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul (*Director of Food Supplies*):

(a) No, there is no truth in the report.

(b) No such orders have been received.

(c) The consumption will vary according to the price of rice and the purchasing power of the consumers. Assuming that an adult will consume 1 lb. of rice and a child half a pound the quantity required for consumption of the whole population of the State would be about 2,18,000 tons a year;

(d) The production also will vary with the actual extent of land cultivated in a year, the climatic conditions, etc. The gross production for the current year is estimated at about 80,000 tons.

(e) & (f) A loan of 5,000 tons rice was given to Madras during 1945.

FEDERATED MADURA COMPANY WORKERS UNION

694. Mr. P. K. Dewar (*Nominated*): Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) if they have not registered a Union representing workers of the Madura Company under the name the Federated Madura Company Worker's Union;

(b) when was it;

(c) have the Government or the Commissioner of Labour received any representations from the Union since the Union was registered; if so, what were these representations;

(d) what action was taken by the Government or by the Commissioner of Labour in the matter and with what effect;

(e) is it a fact that the Manager of the Madura Company informed the Commissioner of Labour that he had no jurisdiction to interfere in the matter or anything to the effect;

(f) has the Labour Commissioner of the State no right to interfere in any dispute with the Madura Company and their labour even though the Company has its Boat Yard and other places of activities within the State;

(g) has it been brought to the notice of the Government that this Company has been persistently refusing to give any reply to the representations made by the Union or to have a personal discussion with the representatives of the workers?

Mr. C. J. Mathew (*Secretary to Government*):

(a) Yes.

(b) On 17-2-1944.